

City of Sammamish Arts Commission
Monday, September 16th, 2013
Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE
Sammamish, Washington

Attendees

Commissioners – Chair Anne Schaefer, Daphne Robinson, Claradell Shedd, Lin Garretson, Mary Lynn Vance, Amy Lam

Staff - Joe Guinasso, Allison Gubata

Commission Volunteer Liaison – Margaret Rosenow

Absent with regrets - Barbara Jirsa, Max Montrey

Meeting called to order at 6:43 p.m.

Note Approval of July 15, 2013 Minutes - Commission Meeting Minutes approved via email.

Budget and Financial Report YTD (2013)

- \$32,800 total budget
- \$17,956.74 balance YTD
- \$14,963.26 spent YTD

Review 2013 Events and Budget Calendar – Commissioner Robinson provided a year-to-date report which included a carry forward of \$9k into 2014.

Community Garden Gate – Commissioner Robinson shared feedback from meeting with Anne Precup organizer of the Community Garden Gate design and installation. The Arts Commission process would include the initial call to Artists in 2014. Specific input from the Sammamish Parks Department will be included for the call to Artists including appropriate materials for use and maintenance requirements. The Arts Commissioners in attendance unanimously support this project. Funding recommendation for this project is \$3,500.00. Next steps are to hear from Anne Precup & Parks.

Sammamish Winter Event - Joanna Puthoff, Parks & Recreation, presented an overview of the traditional Holiday Tree Lighting Event held annually at Sammamish City Hall. Starting in 2013, this event will change from being on a Thursday to a Friday night and from a 1hr to a 3hr cultural event. This year the event will be held on Friday, December 6. The Arts Commission agreed to provide ideas within an artistic range and providing something appropriate. Commissioners were asked to submit all of their ideas via e-mail to staff liaison Allison Gubata by October 1.

Swil Kanim – “A Tree Story” September 26 event has been marketed with flyers and eblasts.

Writing Club – Niyathi Chakrapani reached out to the Sammamish Arts Commission for marketing support, which has been provided. The first session of this club was held in the Sammamish Library and had an attendance of roughly 50 students. The age range in attendance was Jr. High thru High School.

East meets West through Poetry and Revolution – this exhibit had good coverage and excellent reviews, report submitted by Commissioner Jirsa.

Next exhibit – Susan Walker <http://www.susanwalkerstudio.com> and in the vitrine jewelry by Anne Randall http://sorrisettidesigns.net/section/122981_Jewelry.html

4Culture grant proposal for the 2014 historical event –procurement by Commissioner Jirsa, supported by the Arts Commission to pursue. This event would tell the story of a Native American woman who traveled the Sammamish River and provided medical treatment at the turn of the century.

55+ Art – Haiku , Sumi and Card Making - All classes are full. These classes offered individual registration as opposed to a series. The 2014 55+ Art series will be hosted as a four-class session in the Spring and a four-class session in the Fall.

Special Arts Sammamish – October 19, will be “Creative Characters.” The instructors for this class are Wendy Wahman, Dana Sullivan and Betsy Matias. The students will illustrate cartoon drawing, and then make a book to take home.

Life Stories – November 23 This collaborative effort with seniors and kids to have an interactive experience sharing life stories.

Sammamish Art Fair – October 12 & 13 – Commissioners were asked to donate time as greeters. New sandwich/sign boards were purchased for the Arts Fair through the Arts Commission. These will be stored at City Hall for Arts Commission use.

Sammamish Nights – The Commission has requested and all those in attendance unanimously approved the allocated budget balance of \$315.00 from Sammamish Nights be submitted to the Sammamish Chamber for the music provided at this event.

2014 Open Commission Positions – 2 open positions. Commissioner Lam will be resigning at the end of her term, January 31, 2014. A recruitment announcement will be sent out via an eblast and the city newsletter.

2014 Planning

Build it Sammamish – LEGO event, 1st quarter

Utility Box status – 2 utility box locations in 2014 with a budget allocation of \$1,500 per box for a total of \$3,000. Commissioner Shedd is working on obtaining material to get the mock-ups for a historical mobile gallery.

Sammamish Nights - \$2500 primarily for music sponsored by Chamber

Arts Fair – Budget allocation is \$2000 for Encounters and \$4000 for the Arts Fair

Writing in the schools - Due to the launch of the Common Core Curriculum in the public schools the timing is not right for offering this program.

Arts Commission getting involved with youth in the Sammamish – Commissioner Robinson suggested the Commission consider a class or series of classes reaching out to underserved youth.

ArtEast – Is reaching out to the Sammamish Arts Commission, for a community project. Example is Blue Heron; nest project for community.

Commission Volunteer Liaison Rosenow – Proposed cultural tour of Sammamish artists. Venues could include a church, school or someone’s personal art studio.

City Hall lobby Arts Commission Brochure & Event display table – Commissioner Jirsa has requested a bid to have a display table made that matches the vitrine.

Climbing Wall by Skate Park – The climbing wall no longer has the climbing feature and the Parks Department is requesting input from the Arts Commission for artwork installation on the wall.

Website –City of Sammamish Webmaster is requesting a visual template to include color scheme, preferred fonts and general layout from the Arts Commission website sub-committee.

Adjourn 8:49 p.m.

Next regular SAC meeting – Monday, October 28th, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.-* Please note the change of meeting date.